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53, NEW BROAD STREET,

LONDON, E.C. 4. 21st Feb. 1911

The Chairman,  
The General Committee,  
Parents National Educational Union,  
26, Victoria Street, S. W.

Sir,

Having completed our examination of the Accounts of the Parents National Educational Union for the year ending 31st December 1910, we now enclose for your consideration a draft of the Revenue Account and Balance Sheet as at that date.

The operations of the year have resulted in a surplus of £171 as compared with one of £50 in 1909, £33 in 1908, £144 in 1907, £21 in 1906 and £37 in 1905, the allowance for loss on realisation of the book stock has been increased from £14 to £25. This increase in the surplus is due principally to the improved results shown in the book department but other items have contributed to it as the following table shows:-

The principal items of Increase under Income are:-

	1909 £	1910 £	Increase £
Members Subscriptions	97	116	19
Donations	54	64	10
House of Education (£10 reserve)	67	79	12
Books (£ 35 reserve)	77	170	93
Parents Review	181	194	13
Meetings                      Loss	1	34	35
<u>Decreases.</u>	<u>1909</u> £	<u>1910</u> £	<u>Decrease</u> £
Parents Union School Fees Commission	22	16	6
Lecture Fees	25	18	7

The principal Items of Increase in Expenditure are:-

Rent Gas Salaries	344	395	51
Printing and Stationery	100	121	21
Postages and Parcels	47	60	13

<u>Decreases.</u>	1909	1910	Decrease
	£	£	£
Office Expenses and alterations	30	15	15
Subscriptions paid	6	3	3
Home Education Series    Loss	19		19

The Home Education Series which showed a loss of £19 in 1909 is now included in the Book Department, in connection with which Department we would point out that it is not within our power to verify the correctness of the sums stated to have been received in respect of sales.

We shall be happy to afford you any further information which you may require.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

*Bernard Walker*

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House of Education,  
Ambleside.

I have read the Minutes  
of the P. M. U. Executive for the  
Year 1944 with very great  
interest & pleasure. May I  
venture in sending my  
warmest greetings to the  
Committee to say that I feel

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House of Education.  
Ambleside.

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it an honour to belong (however  
passively) to a Body which  
shows such invariably good  
judgment & so conservative  
of the best interests of the P. N. U.

Charlotte W Mason -

18.12.1911



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February 7 1912

The Hon. Mr Franklin  
26 Victoria Street  
S.W.

Madam,

I understand that Mr. Campbell  
has mentioned a possible arrangement  
between The Times Educational Supplement  
and The Parents' Review, and that  
you expressed a wish to have the  
proposal in writing with a view  
to its being brought before your  
Committee for consideration.

The proposal is as follows. The Times



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is willing to supply the Parents' National Educational Union with a sufficient number of copies of The Times Educational Supplement, at the cost of the paper on which it is printed, to enable you to include it with each copy of the Parents' Review sent to your subscribers. The normal size of the Supplement is now 12 pages and I understand that your subscribers number 3300. The actual cost of the paper on which the Supplement is printed is within a few pence of £1 per

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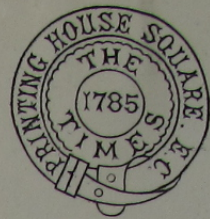
1000 copies. The cost to your Union would thus be £40 per annum. It is possible that we might publish an occasional 8 page Supplement, but the average size would be brought up to 12 pages by an occasional larger Supplement: and the terms would be subject to annual revision if any permanent change in the size becomes necessary. If you prefer it, we could print these Supplements on the thinner paper used for our foreign editions, to meet the question of postage: the cost of this would be less, but not substantially less.

This arrangement would be of no immediate profit to The Times, for we offer you the Supplements at the actual cost of the paper; but it would enable us to reach



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a number of persons specially interested  
in education, and thus be of indirect  
advantage. To the Parents' National  
Educational Union it seems to Mr.  
Campbell and myself the advantages  
are direct and obvious. Your Union  
would be supplying every subscriber  
with The Times Educational Supplement  
(the quality of which is, I understand,  
well known to you) at rather less  
than one fourth of its regular  
price; the Parents' Review would  
thereby be strengthened in its  
appeal; and it seems reasonable  
to expect that in this way you  
would increase the number of  
your members and promote the  
declared objects of the Union.

We have no wish to press you  
in any way to accept this  
proposal. The advantages to



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The Times are, as I have pointed  
out, indirect; and unless your  
Committee see in the arrangement  
an opportunity to extend the influence  
of the Union, we should prefer to  
let the proposal drop.

In either event we shall always  
be glad to receive any information  
as to the activities of the Parents'  
National Educational Union  
which you may wish to have  
published.

I need not perhaps ask you to  
regard this letter as confidential  
to the members of your Committee;  
but we shall be glad if you see  
fit to bring it before them.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

J. S. Freeman  
(on behalf of the Manager of The Times.)



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# Parents' National Educational Union

Presidents—THE EARL & COUNTESS OF ABERDEEN  
Chairman of the Executive Committee—THE EARL OF LYTTON

Central Office—26, Victoria Street, S.W.

Hon. Organising Secretary of the  
Union and Hon. Treasurer of the  
Hyde Park and Bayswater Branch

The Hon. Mrs. Franklin

50, Porchester Terrace  
Hyde Park  
Telephone No. 212 Padd.  
(At Home Wednesday mornings,  
or by appointment)

15. II. 1912.

Dear Sir,

Your letter was laid before my Committee yesterday afternoon. They ask me to offer you their thanks for your proposal and to express to you their regret at being unable to fall in with it. We all feel it would be very delightful if we could afford to present to each of our members a copy of your "Educational Supplement", but we want every penny we have for our own propaganda work in order to spread our educational principles. Our regret at the necessity of refusing your offer is mitigated by the knowledge that our members do not seem dissatisfied with what we give them for their small subscription, and that our numbers increase steadily if slowly. We are grateful for your offer to insert news of our proceedings and, if I may, I hope to follow up Miss Mason's article by a letter next month.

Yours sincerely,

G. S. Freeman, Esq.

*H. Franklin*



House of Education,  
Ambleside.

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My dear Miss Paris

I am sending back  
your Minute Book & should  
like again to say how much  
I admire the steady work  
done by your Committee &  
the exceptionally sound  
judgment - they have displayed  
through a year of strenuous work.  
Also, with your kindly regards

the Committee my very grateful  
 thanks for their generosity  
 in granting the P.R. to exclud<sup>ed</sup>  
 for five years instead of for  
 two.

The privilege of belonging to  
 the Union in the intimate way  
 that they do is very great - & the  
 'Office' welcomes them & helps  
 them in many kind ways  
 for which they & I are grateful.

I say nothing of Mrs. Franklin  
 ever-ready & charming hospitality  
 as I know she would rather  
 that we were regarded altogether

House of Education,  
Ambleside.

as a personal not-an  
official matter, but we  
are not the less grateful.  
With all good wishes  
to the dear 'Office'  
Affectionately Yrs  
Ch. Mason

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53, NEW BROAD STREET,

LONDON, E.C. 3rd March 1913

The Chairman,  
The General Committee,  
Parents National Educational Union,  
26, Victoria Street,  
S.W.

Sir,

Having completed our examination of the Accounts of the Parents National Educational Union for the year ending 31st December 1912, we now enclose for your consideration a draft of the Revenue Account & Balance Sheet as at that date.

The operations of the year have resulted in a surplus of Revenue of £154 as compared with one of £5 for 1911, £171 for 1910, £50 for 1909 and £83 for 1908. There is a net increase in receipts of £130 to which Books have contributed £96, the Review £31 and Members Subscriptions £25, Donations and Lecture Fees, however, shew decreases of £14 in each case.

The expenses shew a net decrease of £17, Office Expenses and Alterations have decreased by £28 and Rent, Gas, Coals and Salaries have increased by £29, the only other item which has varied substantially being Printing & Stationery which shews a decrease of £17.



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We shall be happy to afford you any further information  
in our power which you may require.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

James Watson & Co





HOUSE OF EDUCATION.  
PARENTS' UNION SCHOOL.  
MOTHERS' EDUCATIONAL COURSE.  
Parents' Review.

With affectionate  
and grateful regard  
to the Committee  
+ yourself  
Aff. from  
Chas. Mason

House of Education,

Ambleside.

16. 17. 1913

My dear Miss Parish

Again I have had  
great treat in reading your  
Minute Book. I enjoyed the  
Minutes of the Mtg. of Secretaries at  
the Conf. particularly interesting.  
So wonderfully full of life.

The propaganda work, too, how  
rich it has been. I had v. good  
the results! We have grown  
immensely both in numbers &  
in vitality since that was  
instituted.

As usual, I admire the delightful

harmony of the Committee. They  
are so truly of one accord & one  
mind in their past work. &  
then, you are all working in unison -  
realizing so perfectly that our  
business as a Society is to  
further a definite school of  
Thought.

I think we owe a great debt  
in this & in other matters to  
our Hon. Org. Secretary & our Gen. Sec.  
Secretary.

I think I may report some  
promise of work in the schools of  
the West. Finding through the efforts  
of Mr. Stearns that: and I should  
like to tell you that we have just  
sent out a delightful & very promising  
set of students.

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1st February 1914  
Wellgarth Road, North End  
Hampstead, N.W.

Dear Miss Bernau,

Thank you very much for your letter and for returning the communication from Wells, Gardner & Darton, which I will file. I am writing to them to decline their offer.

My sisters and brother have considered with me the arrangement you generously suggest in your letter with regard to publishing my Mother's articles on the British Museum in book form, and they ask me to lay the following proposals before you:-

- 1 As we regard the book as a tribute and memorial to our Mother we wish to give £50, which we understand will approximately cover the cost of producing an edition of 500, as a donation not as a guaranteed sum.
- 2 We suggest that the sum realised by the sale of the book should be divided between the P.N.E.U. and yourself, as Editor. We know that our Mother wished the P.N.E.U. to benefit by the book and we are equally sure that she would wish you to have a small return for all the trouble and time you are generously proposing to expend, as well as for the personal expenditure necessary for the production of the book in travelling etc.
- 3 We propose that the copyright and the unsold copies, if any, should be the property of the P.N.E.U.

Both of the two last proposals are necessarily tentative, as we do not know Miss Mason's wishes, nor the powers of the P.N.E.U. to hold copyrights, but we make the proposals to you and would like to hear your opinion of them. With regard to future editions, do you not think the P.N.E.U. would undertake them, if there were demand for them, with your co-operation of course?

With regard to the photograph we will communicate with the photographer about the loan or purchase of the negative.

We agree about not including the articles, which appeared in the Children's Encyclopaedia in this first edition. I am however sending you, under separate cover, the article on the Museum notebook, as it may interest you. Would you kindly return it to us, as it is our only copy.

My brother gathered from Wells, Gardner & Darton that they are still contemplating bringing out a volume on the British Museum in their "Treasure House" series, and that this is delayed by re-arrangements in the galleries, which they believe to be still in progress. I daresay you have information on this point.

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) Margaret Epps.



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The operations of the year have resulted in a surplus of Revenue, after providing for the Staff Bonus, of £140 as compared with £108 after making similar provision in 1912. There is a net increase of £58 in the receipts and a net increase of £26 in the expenses. The principal item of increase under the receipts is £30 for Books, the sales of Books increased substantially, but the rate of profit decreased from 18% to 16% of the Sales. The increase in the Expenses is generally spread over the different items and does not appear to call for any special comment.

With respect to the Receipts from the Sales of Books, we have accepted as correct the Sales as shown in the Parents Union School Books Journals, since it is not possible in the



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circumstances for us to check these amounts in any way.

We would take this opportunity of mentioning that the work in connection with our examination of the accounts has materially increased since the time, ten years ago, when we undertook to act for a fee of £6:16:6 per annum, and we trust that the Committee will favourably consider the suggestion that the fee should be increased to £10:10:0 in view of the extra time involved.

We shall be happy to afford you any further information in our power which you may require.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Ben W. M. T.